

In the Claims

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A protective shield ~~(1)~~ for protecting the eyes against smoke and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the face of a user around the eyes, and including locking means ~~(2)~~ suitable for temporarily fixing it to a face mask ~~(3)~~ such as a mask for supplying breathing gas to an aircraft flight crew member, the shield ~~being characterized by the fact that it includes~~ comprising a display device ~~(5)~~ adapted to enable a user whose face is covered by the shield ~~(1)~~ to view information in the user's field of view, said display device further comprising connection means ~~9~~ enabling images to be supplied to said display device ~~5~~, said information serving in particular to provide assistance in flying.

2. (Currently Amended) A shield according to claim 1, in which the display device ~~(5)~~ is placed outside the shield ~~(1)~~ when the shield ~~(1)~~ is covering the face of the user.

3. (Currently Amended) A shield according to claim 1, in which the display device ~~(5)~~ includes light transmission means ~~(6)~~ disposed inside the shield ~~(1)~~ when the shield ~~(1)~~ is covering the face of the user.

4. (Currently Amended) A shield according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, in which the display device ~~(5)~~ is a device for projecting a light signal onto the retina.

5. (Currently Amended) A shield according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, in which the display device ~~(5)~~ is removably mounted.

6. (Currently Amended) Head protection equipment, in particular for aircraft flight crew, the equipment comprising:

a face mask ~~(3)~~ adapted to be applied in use to the lower portion of the face of a user around the user's nose and mouth, and to supply the user with breathing gas; and

a protective shield ~~(1)~~ for protecting the eyes and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the user's face around the eyes, and including locking means ~~(2)~~ adapted to fix the shield on the face mask ~~(3)~~ in temporary manner;

the equipment ~~being characterized by the fact that it includes~~ comprising a display device ~~(5)~~ adapted to enable the user whose face is covered by the shield ~~(1)~~ to view

information in the user's field of view, in particular information for providing assistance in flying, said equipment further comprising connection means ~~(9)~~ enabling images to be supplied to said display device ~~(5)~~ via the feed pipe ~~(8)~~ of said mask.

7. (Currently Amended) Equipment according to claim 6, including connection means ~~(9)~~ adapted to transmit information from the mask to the display device ~~(5)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A storage box adapted to receive a protective shield ~~(1)~~ for protecting the eyes against smoke and adapted to be applied to the upper portion of the face of a user around the eyes, said protective shield including locking means ~~(2)~~ suitable for temporarily fixing it to a face mask ~~(3)~~ such as a mask for supplying breathing gas to an aircraft flight crew member, said shield further comprising a display device ~~(5)~~ adapted to enable a user whose face is covered by the shield ~~(1)~~ to view information in the user's field of view, said storage box further comprising a light transmission system ~~(18)~~ adapted to convey a light signal ~~(17)~~ from the display device ~~(5)~~ out from the storage box ~~(13)~~, thereby constituting a light signal that is visible to a user without it being necessary for the user to extract the shield ~~(1)~~ from the storage box ~~(13)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A storage box according to claim 8, further adapted to receive said face mask ~~(3)~~ with said protective shield ~~(1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage box according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, including connection means ~~(9)~~ for the display device ~~(5)~~ to transmit information from the storage box to the shield ~~(1)~~ or to a face mask ~~(3)~~ when the mask is placed on the face of the user.